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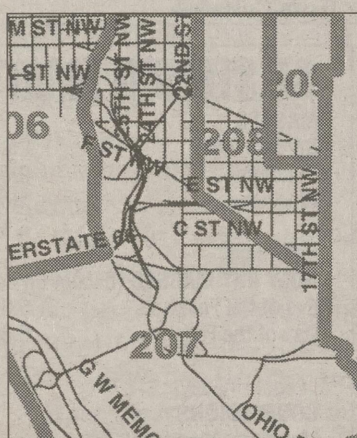
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## New PSA Boundaries Set

By Ellie Becker

In January the Mayor and the Chief of Police sent to the Council their proposed new boundaries and objectives for D.C.'s Police Service Areas (PSAs). The major change in Foggy Bottom and West End is to enlarge the current PSA 207 to include most of PSA 208 and 209. Foggy Bottom and West End are currently within PSAs 207 and 208, with 22nd



Existing PSAs

since each PSA had a lieutenant in charge and a specified number of officers assigned to it. With one exception (PSA 202), changes, some major, were made to all 2nd District PSAs.

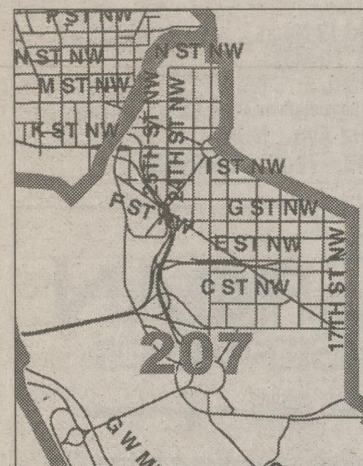
The new 207 borders: 17th Street on the east, then west on Pennsylvania Avenue, north on 22nd Street, west on N Street and south via Rock Creek and the Parkway. The so-called "Monumental Core" west of 17th Street (e.g., Lincoln Memorial) is also within PSA 207.

Current plans call for the new boundaries, if approved by the D.C. Council, to take effect in April. The Council Committee on the Judiciary, chaired by Ward 3 Councilmember Kathy Patterson, will hold a hearing on February 24 at 10:00 in Room 412 of the Wilson Building.

Commander Moore also stated at the CAC meeting his concern that the April effective date coincides with the downtown international meetings which draw numerous protesters and heavy police involvement.

The new PSA plan was first announced in May 2003.

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New PSA

Street as the dividing line. The current PSA 209 is the Connecticut Avenue/K Street downtown area; several blocks in 208 and 209 above Pennsylvania Avenue are being transferred to the 3rd District.

The number of PSAs was reduced from 83 to 43, and the changes are designed to provide more flexibility to "target hot spots" and increase "community policing."

Lt. David Hutchinson is in charge of 207; Lt. Philip Lanciano heads 208. At a recent 2nd District Citizens Advisory Committee meeting, 2nd District Commander Jeffrey Moore could not speculate on who would be in charge of the new area, but stated that he hopes to keep "all of my lieutenants."

The new system will result in personnel changes,

## Update

### ZC Hears Square 37 and HDRR Overlay Cases

On January 12, the Zoning Commission held hearings on two issues pertaining to the FB/WE neighborhood.

The first was discussion of a new zoning category (High Density Residential Retail Overlay) which would apply to the entire city but might be used for Square 37 in the West End. This square contains the West End Library, the MPD Special Operations station, and the Tiverton apartment building. It would grant added density, and require residential use and neighborhood-serving retail. Chair Carol Mitten moved that the Commission reject the proposal, due to the controversy it provoked. Also she pointed out that a telling argument had been information filed in

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### Worried About Lead?

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## GW Again Seeks Increased Use of H&W Center

Attorneys for George Washington University have again requested that the Zoning Commission increase the hours and number of users of the Health & Wellness Center at 23rd & G Streets, N.W.

The university is again asking that the center's hours be extended to 1:00 a.m. Sunday through Friday, and 11:00 p.m. on Saturday. It now closes at 10:00 p.m. (8:00 p.m. on Sunday).

They are asking that the center be open to "students, faculty and staff of the . . . Foggy Bottom and Mt. Vernon campuses, . . . members of the President's Club and to persons who reside within 500 feet of the Center or who are members of organizations that are located within that boundary."

According to GW counsel Charles Barber, the boundary was selected to include St. Mary's Court, St. Mary's Church, and the Remington. He also told the News that there are approximately 250 members of the President's Club, a group which has allowed non-students to use the Smith Center and is now being extended to the new center. The filing also states that non-university memberships would be limited to 1,000.

In addition, students, faculty and staff of non-Foggy Bottom campuses have not been included in the past. According to the filing, there are 445 students at Mt. Vernon; there was no number of faculty and staff given.

The Zoning Commission in March declined to permit increased usage based on the conclusion that it constituted a "special exception" which did not include housing. That

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## FOGGY BOTTOM ASSOCIATION MEETING

All Residents Welcome

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Attorney/Estate Planning Expert

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Monday, February 23, 2004

The Melrose Hotel

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7:30 p.m.

(Next meeting: Monday, March 29, 2004)





"Undocumented"?? "Undocumentable"?? This trash, including spoiled spaghetti, pizza boxes, etc., etc., decorated our neighborhood for over two weeks. But it is, of course, "a caricature . . . from Grade B films," and a figment of our imagination.

### Bower Scores Trachtenberg for "One More Victory"

In a recent letter to George Washington University's President Stephen J. Trachtenberg, Tom Bower, former FB resident/activist, delineated his disgust at what drove him from a neighborhood he lived in, loved and worked very hard for. Major excerpts from the letter follow.

"One more victory for you. GWU has forced out another longtime Foggy Bottom resident. For me, the price of a full night's sleep was selling a house I expected to be carried out of. Among other frustrations, years of constant student noise in the wee hours of Friday, Saturday, and Sunday mornings and frequently on other nights of the week caused me to depart FB, a place I have resided in on and

off since 1972. Since 1997, the house at 810 New Hampshire Avenue became one of the few on the block not occupied by undergraduate students. I wanted to live in an urban environment and expected some noise—helicopters, presidential motorcades, occasional protest demonstrations were not a surprise—but foul-mouthed drunken shouted conversations on a regular basis were not part of how I wanted to live."

### No More In Loco Parentis

"Since there are more and more students being foisted on the few remaining FB residents for us to instruct them in how to be adults, I decided to give up this version of in loco parentis. Why were the walks in front of student houses the only ones not shoveled after last winter's snows? Why did trash sit for weeks without the student residents bothering to move it to the curb? Why are leaves never cleaned from in front of student houses? I don't begrudge students their focus on studies or fun, but if they are going to live in a residential community, they should behave like those who will live there permanently, not like it is a dorm. The university is responsible for bring-

ing the students here so the university should do something about making them better citizens—or house them....

"Enough said. Some day I hope to return to Foggy Bottom, but only after it becomes a truly residential neighborhood and ceases to be an ill-kept dormitory."

Thomas W. Bower

Following are excerpts from President Trachtenberg's response.

"I wish you well wherever you elect to live. You're no enemy of mine. I have no animus towards you. I pray that your life be filled with happiness and sunshine and fortune and good health.

"I'm sad about the melancholy story that you tell, but it seems to me overstated and largely filled with opinions that I believe would be undocumented and, indeed, undocumentable.

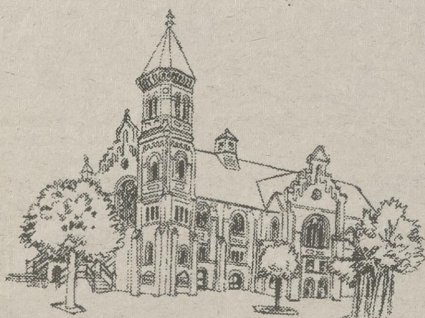
"There isn't anybody in this part of town who does more for the community than The George Washington University. There is no evidence that GW students behave in any statistically measurable degree in the irresponsible way that you characterize. Indeed, what you provide is a caricature largely drawn, I suspect, from Grade B films. . . ."

Stephen Joel Trachtenberg

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kit to test the water from the faucet. WASA will then arrange to pick up the test and report the results to you. Use the same "hot line" number for pickup.

There will be a representative from the Water and Sewer Administration at the February 23 meeting to discuss the question of lead levels in D.C.'s drinking water and answer inquiries from the audience.



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By FBA President  
Ron Cocome

## The Watergate Hotel Saga Continues— What's In A Word?

By Ron Cocome

While Monument Residential awaits a now delayed Zoning Commission hearing and the results of that hearing on its request to convert the hotel into a cooperative, some of the Watergate East Board members are suing others over the acceptance of an agreement with the developers.

That lawsuit is now before the courts in Delaware. The result of that suit may hinge on the interpretation of one word. The Articles of Incorporation of Watergate East call for a super majority of 75% of all outstanding share interest in the corporation only regarding the "sale, lease, exchange or mortgage of ALL of the property and assets of the corporation."

The question is does all mean literally all—an effective dissolution of the cooperative—or does it mean any or all? The developers want to purchase only a portion of the corporation's assets.

Sadly, no matter what that legal decision may be, the at-

mosphere in our Watergate community will be acrimonious for many years to come.

### A Tale of Two Historic Buildings

Many of you may have followed our rather incredible journey with the Historic Preservation Review Board regarding the Columbia Hospital for Women project. There were nine—(yes, nine)—meetings of the Board. You may remember that the concerns of Board members included the great historical questions of tree shadows, minute architectural detail and the depth of some balconies.

Over two years ago the community applied to the same agency for the historic designation of the School Without Walls. We are still waiting. There is no question as to the worthiness of this application, especially so if compared to the Columbia Hospital case.

But there is a difference.

### Foggy Bottom News

Our friends at GWU, Inc. have their eyes on the School Without Walls. Sadly, it would see that our District Government is looking for a way to deliver this very valuable property over to them, without the benefit of public input. Yet another asset of us taxpayers is likely to be turned into yet another non-tax-generating usage.

Our friends at GWU were somewhat less than enthusiastic over the Columbia Hospital development. In the former case the HPRB sits on its hands; on the other it sits on us. Are we paranoid, or is there something not quite right here?

### Definitely Not A Bright Idea

I share this final thought with you this month. Agreeing with the Becker Beat in last month's FBNews, what on earth was the District Department of Transportation thinking of when it installed the new high intensity penitentiary style lights on Virginia Avenue, without any community notice or input?

During the last few days I have made a lot of new acquaintances, as neighbors throughout the effected area have expressed their outrage. Some Watergate apartments are so brightly lit it's difficult to sleep. One occupant of Columbia Plaza says she never has to turn on her lights and may ask for a rebate on her electric use.

On a very positive note, I was pleasantly surprised by the response of the District government. DDOT has agreed to move quickly—in a matter of days—to fix the problem. In that regard, I want to express my thanks to Dan Tangherlini, Bob Irwin, John Deatrick and Jama Abdi of DDOT. Thanks also to Desi Deschaine in Mayor Tony Williams' Outreach Office and John Abbott in Councilmember Carol Schwartz's office.

Hopefully, by the time this issue of the Foggy Bottom News is distributed, we will have restored street light peace and normalcy to our community. In fact, I am told that in solving our problem, DDOT may learn how best to deal with similar concerns in other District neighborhoods.

### Becker Beat



### GW Hatchet Marks Centennial

The "independent student newspaper" at George Washington University is marking its 100th anniversary this year.

This editor tips her hat and sends congratulations on the "big birthday" and admiration for the job they do. Remember the Hatchet has two issues a week in excess of 20 pages, and it is the product of students who are also taking classes.

In addition to being a resource for information about what is happening at the school, it often has opinions with which FB residents would heartily agree. An example: its January 15 editorial responding to GW's announced shortage of classroom space. The administration's plan called for increased Friday classes (and possibly weekends as well), and other actions are not expected to be welcomed by students or faculty. The Hatchet urged careful consideration of these changes, stating that "its necessity only re-

veals an administration that has allowed University growth to accelerate beyond its means." It seems that we have heard much the same from many Foggy Bottom leaders and residents.

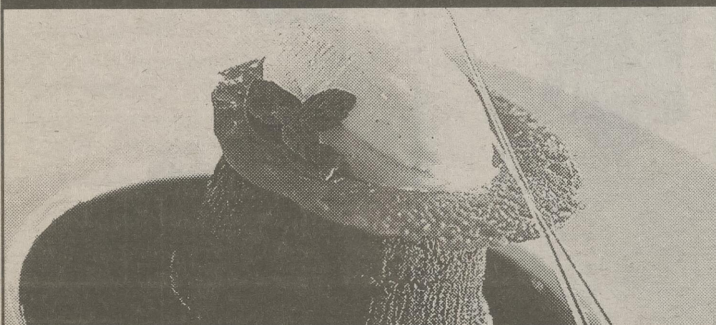
The editorial went on to state: "Over the past decade GW has seen an explosion in the size of its undergraduate student population. Since 1995, the size of the incoming freshman class has increased by nearly 50 percent. The impact of this sharp rise in the undergraduate population has already been made evident by the housing shortage precipitated by the class of 2005. It is only now becoming evident that a gross lack of planning has adversely affected GW's ability to offer an education... *The University is only now beginning to see the ill effects of a grossly mismanged growth policy.*" (Emphasis added.)

Would that GW decision-makers take note of its own student/faculty opinions and the fears of bloated classes, lost internship opportunities, decreased study and research time, and less than optimal housing. We in FBA have been trying to get it across for years and years.

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the case listing existing extensive retail vacancies nearby.

The other issue was a request by James Pedas, the owner of part of Square 37, to set a hearing by the Commission to hear a petition he filed three years ago.

He asked that the zoning be changed in the southern portion of the square to conform to the uses specified in the D.C. Comprehensive Plan (high density residential). The area is now zoned R-5-B which prohibits commercial use (e.g., office, etc.), and allows only low-rise residential buildings. Lindsley Williams, a zoning consultant for Mr. Pedas, indicated his belief that R-5-D or R-5-E zoning is appropriate for the site.

The Commission declined to set a date, but agreed to hear the case, probably in the spring.

## ANC Approves Trader Joe's Request

ANC-2A, at its meeting on January 21, approved a request for restrictions on several parking spaces on 25th Street to accommodate the Trader Joe grocery store which hopes to be a part of the Columbia Hospital project.

The ban on parking from 6:00-9:00 a.m. in nine spaces is to accommodate trucks delivering to the store using the loading dock on the somewhat narrow street. It will preclude residents from using them overnight. The spaces

currently allow unlimited parking for Zone 2 parking permit holders, and two hours for others.

## HPRB Defers Decision on Hughes Mews House

At its meeting on January 22, the Historic Preservation Review Board heard from the builder of a house in Hughes Mews and from neighbors who object to its size. The HPRB staff recommended lowering the height "to the zoning-mandated 40 feet," which is still much higher than other houses in Hughes Mews and Queen Anne's Lane. Houses in Hughes Mews are 24 feet in height. Discussion by the Board members reflected their concern over the mechanical penthouse which they feel is out of place in a residential building. One member, Ronnie McGhee, said he felt "it is very disingenuous to call that top room a mechanical penthouse."

The project is on the tentative agenda of the HPRB for its February 26 meeting. It must also apply for zoning variances.

## School Board Mulls Sale of SWW

According to the GW Hatchet, the D.C. School Board is considering the sale of the School Without Walls building and lot to George Washington University. The highly-rated senior high school is located at 2130 G Street, and its site has long been coveted by GW.

It would, according to one proposal, allow GW to build an up-to-date high school facility and other GW facilities, using the school grounds and parking lot, and GW's adjacent tennis courts. There has been some movement to give the building historic landmark status; if that were granted, at least part of the SWW building would have to be retained.

## Watergate Hotel Case Put "On Hold"

The Zoning Commission earlier delayed consideration of status of the Watergate Hotel because of a lawsuit filed by a group of Watergate East residents. Monument Realty hopes to turn the hotel into a cooperative apartment development, which necessitates a favorable decision by zoning officials to change the use of the building. A hearing has now been set for March 1 at 6:30 p.m. (See Neighborhood Datebook.)

The change to a cooperative has the support of its neighbor Watergate South, as well as ANC-2A. It was also supported by the Board of Watergate East, which holds a property interest in the hotel, but the lawsuit challenges the Board vote. The third building in the complex, Watergate West, opposes the sale of the hotel. Also see the FBA President's column for further information on this story.

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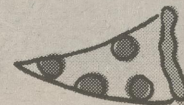
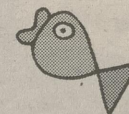
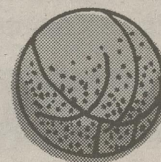
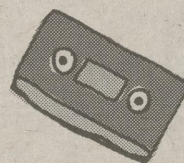
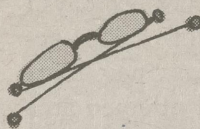
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## Letters

### Tax Cap Lowered

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The Council also increased the homestead deduction from its current level of \$30,000 to \$38,000. I believe the homestead deduction should be increased further, and indexed for inflation. I will continue to press for this change as part of the fiscal year 2005 budget.

The 2005 property tax assessments (as opposed to the bills) will be mailed out in February. It is critical for people who do not agree with their assessment to file an appeal by April 1. Applications may be found on the CFO's website: [www.cfo.dc.gov](http://www.cfo.dc.gov). This is necessary even though this year's appeals have not been heard.

The Office of Tax and Revenue Customer Service Center (727-4829) can assist with property tax and assessment problems and questions. Residents may also e-mail me at [jackevans@dccouncil.us](mailto:jackevans@dccouncil.us).

Jack Evans

Ward 2 Councilmember

Ed. Note: For those of us who are technologically challenged, his phone number is 724-8058. Ed. Note #2: Councilmember at Large Phil Mendelson was instrumental in adding to the tax legislation the increase in the homestead exemption. His phone number is 724-8064.

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## Critic's Corner



By Bob Anthony

### Whistler at the Freer

The Freer Gallery, repository of the largest collection of Whistler's work, with the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, has opened two delightful and elegant replica showings of this expatriate's work. The exhibit's ("Mr. Whistler's Galleries: Avant-Garde in Victorian London") two galleries show "Arrangement in White and Yellow" and "Arrangement in Flesh Colour and

Grey." Both shows are done in parlor displays as the originals. Poofed ceiling faux chandeliers with elegantly vased flowers and theme colors fill each gallery. A wonderful aura of total charm fills the spaces. The etchings, mostly of Venice, are the highlight of the displays. The paintings, although charming, are simply too impressionistic a la Turner to turn one on except for the excellent female figures both clothed and naked. This show is a wonderful collaborative effort and will provide a total sense of museum elegance through the holiday season and well into the next year. It is highly recommended for residents and guests. (To 4/2)

### Estate Planning Info at FBA Meeting

At the February 23 meeting of the Foggy Bottom Association, an attorney expert in estate planning will discuss wills, estates, revocable trusts, as well as powers of attorney and medical directives. Discussing the subject in general—not specific advice—John Buckley Ostmann will also cover the probate process in D.C. as well as estate and inheritance taxes. He is a resident of Glover Park,

attended Georgetown University and its law school, and currently has a private law practice with offices on Wisconsin Avenue.

A representative from the Water & Sewer Administration will also speak on lead levels in D.C.'s drinking water.

The meeting will be held at the Melrose Hotel, 2430 Pennsylvania Avenue, at 7:30 p.m. All residents are invited and encouraged to attend.

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restriction was removed by the D.C. Court of Appeals when it postponed the compliance date for the housing provisions of the Campus Plan Order.

At that time GW requested that it be open to students, faculty and staff of other GW campuses, persons who live and work in the FB/WE area, university alumni, and various guests, friends and supporters of the university. The proposal was opposed by ANC-2A and the Foggy Bottom Association, alleging a substantial increase in traffic and late-night noise, transforming the Center from a "low intensity use to a high intensity use which is inappropriate at the edge of the campus boundary." It was also opposed by a group representing local sports clubs on the grounds of unfair competition from a non-profit and tax-exempt facility (which was also built using D.C. industrial revenue bonds). Ten residents testified in favor of allowing them to use the facility.

In preparation for the earlier hearing, both the D.C. Office of Planning and Department of Transportation suggested a closing time of 11:30 for all days. DDOT also stated that later hours "could 'possibly' result in a noise impact or 'other [unexplained] disruption' to the community."

A hearing on the matter was set for Thursday, February 19.

### St. John Passion Set at St. Paul's

At 7:30 p.m. on Friday, February 27, the Parish Choir of St. Paul's, K Street, will perform the Saint John Passion by Johann Sebastian Bach. The choir is under the direction of Jeffrey Smith, and it will be joined by the period-instrument ensemble Modern Musick, led by John Moran and Risa Browder. The vocalists for the program are soprano Rosa Lamoreaux, mezzo-soprano Barbara Hollinshead, tenor Robert Petillo, and basses James Shaffran and Steven Combs.

St. Paul's told the News that this performance of the Passion will be in the context of a Vesper service, as was customary in Bach's time. "While liturgical performances were the rule in 18th century Germany, they are very rare today. St. Paul's is the second venue, and the only church, in the United States to perform the Saint John Passion in this setting."

Music critic Tim Page of The Washington Post listed the 2003 performance as a Best Bet for Classical Concerts.

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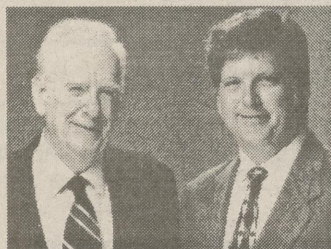
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## The Foggy Bottom Diner

By Jim Patterson

### Nectar "A Popular Favorite"

824 New Hampshire Avenue is the perfect location for Nectar, Foggy Bottom's newest restaurant. Jarad Slipp, director, describes Nectar's menu as "refined modern American."

Business was heavy for my Monday evening meal. I enjoyed the pumpkin and yogurt soup with sweetbread as my appetizer. Other appetizers include beets, mussels, oysters, and foie gras, a popular favorite with diners.

For my entree, I enjoyed the melt-in-your-mouth veal cheeks. Other entrees include salmon, scallops, duck, and hanger steak, all priced under \$30.

Nectar's wine list is abundant; one might ask, "Where do they store so much wine in such an intimate restaurant?" They find the space.

Dishes are elegantly and stylishly prepared. The food is superb! Diners at nearby tables described their meals as "great" and heaped praise on Chef Alex Lo. You'll praise him also after eating at Nectar. Reservations are strongly suggested; telephone 202-298-8085.

Good news: By the time you read this the nearly renovated Kinhead's will be open for business. I am told impressive changes await diners. Kinhead's menu will change only slightly and their superb quality will, of course, continue.

*James Patterson is a local writer and critic.*

Brunch for a good cause: The Landmark Restaurant in the Melrose Hotel is offering a contribution to St. Stephen Martyr Church's organ fund for each person who brings a church bulletin into the restaurant for Sunday Brunch. It is served from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and is priced at \$21.95. Info/reservations: 955-3863.

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### PSAs, from page 1

In the January announcement, the Mayor said that the "final product reflects extensive input from residents, civic leaders, Councilmembers and officers."

Among the ideas earlier considered, to change the boundaries to the same as the Office of Planning's "Neighborhood Clusters," brought disagreement from residents. A Cathedral Heights resident commented that "ANCs are grass roots. The [OP] clusters are Astroturf." Many groups support ANC boundaries as

the basis for PSAs, such as the Cleveland Park Citizens Association. According to the Georgetown Current, its Vice President said the clusters were done with "a seeming intent to undercut ANC's." Our neighborhood is Cluster 5, and includes Foggy Bottom, West End and the University, and its boundaries are slightly differ-

ent than the ANC's. The new PSA 207 is closely aligned to the ANC-2A area.

For further information contact MPD's Anne Grant at 727-0915; her e-mail is [agrant@mpdc.org](mailto:agrant@mpdc.org). Information is also available on the MPD website: [mpdc.dc.gov](http://mpdc.dc.gov); then choose the police districts & PSAs page.

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## "Active for Life" Offers Sessions in FB

"Active for Life" is a program geared to motivating the over-50 population to increase their physical activities, make lifestyle changes, and avoid damaging sedentary behavior. The spring classes will be held starting March 8 (information session on March 1) at GW Hospital on Mondays at 10:00 a.m. It is not an exercise class, but a course to teach "behavioral, life planning, and problem-solving skills to help participants incorporate more physical activity throughout each day. It also seeks to provide a physical activity social support network."

It is free to qualified applicants who must be over 50, generally healthy, not exercising regularly, yet capable of accelerated walking speed, duration, and distance. They must also be willing to commit to attendance at 21 classes (ending August 23). Included are tips on ways to incorporate exercise into daily routines (using stairs, using TV commercial breaks for stretching exercises, etc. For further information call 301-255-4205. Another set of classes will be held beginning in September.

There is no charge for the program; its implementation is underwritten by a grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

## Neighborhood Datebook

**Monday, February 23:** FBA meeting, featuring James Buckley Ostmann, discussing broad issues of estate planning, including wills, trusts, powers of attorney and probate practices in D.C. All residents are welcome and encouraged to attend. Melrose Hotel, 2430 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. 7:30 p.m.\*

**Tuesday, February 24:** D.C. Council Committee on the Judiciary hearing on MPD Police Service Areas. Wilson Building, Room 412, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Info: 724-7808. 10:00 a.m.\*

**Thursday, February 26:** Hearing before the Historic Preservation Review Board on the proposed residence in the rear of 935 26th Street, N.W. Room 220 South, 441 Fourth Street, N.W. (Judiciary Square Metro) beginning at 10:00 a.m. Hearing of this case is tentative; phone 535-2497 to see if and when this case is scheduled and the exact time.\*

**Thursday, February 26:** Exercise Programs Especially for Women, a brown bag lunch lecture. 12:00 noon-1:00 p.m. ##

**Thursday, February 26:** Jenny McKean Moore Reading Series presents poet C. K. Williams, winner of Pulitzer Prize in Poetry for 2000. Info: 994-6180. Marvin Center, 3rd floor amphitheater, 800 21st Street, N.W. 8:00 p.m.

**Friday, February 27:** Performance of the Saint John Passion by Johann Sebastian Bach, by the parish choir of St. Paul's, K Street, directed by Music Director Jeffrey Smith. St. Paul's Parish, 2430 K Street, N.W. Info: 337-2020. Suggested contribution: \$25. 7:30 p.m.\*

**Saturday, February 28:** "Day for Night," a program of contemporary music featuring Douglas Boyce, GW assistant professor of music, and guest artist Robert Baker, tenor in the Washington Opera and GW adjunct associate professor of music. Info: 703-217-4438. GW Media & Public Affairs Building, 1st floor, 805 21st Street, N.W. \$10 suggested donation. 8:00 p.m. Pre-concert discussion, 7:15 p.m.

**Sunday, February 29:** Recital featuring tenor Giancarlo Baci and soprano Denise Gully, and introducing at the keyboard United's new director of music, Robert Church. Selections include works by Ravel, Verdi, Tchaikovsky, and Gershwin, and from Miss Saigon and West Side Story. Info: 331-1495. United Church, 20th & G Streets, N.W. Suggested donation: \$10; seniors and students \$5. 3:00 p.m.

**Monday, March 1:** Information meeting for "Active for Life" program. Info: 301-255-4205. GWU Hospital, 900 23rd Street, N.W. 10:00 a.m.\*

**Monday, March 1:** "Dance for a City: The Legacy of New York City Ballet with Lynn Garafoia," book editor of Dance for a City, the history of New York City Ballet. Kennedy Center. \$12; subscribers/members \$10. 6:00-7:30 p.m. #

**Monday, March 1:** Zoning Commission hearing on rezoning of the Watergate Hotel from hotel to cooperative apartment use. Room 220 South, 441 4th Street, N.W. (Judiciary Square Metro). 6:30 p.m.\*

**Tuesday, March 2:** Howard Norman, award-winning novelist, will read from his work ("The Bird Artist," "The Museum Guard" and "The Haunting of L"). Marvin Center, Room 307, 800 21st Street, N.W. Info: 994-6180. 5:00 p.m.

**Tuesday, March 2:** Cabaret! Starring Barbara Brussell, performing her show titled "The Piano Bench of My Mind," with music ranging from Rogers and Hammerstein to Joni Mitchell. Corcoran Gallery of Art. \$25; members \$20. 7:00 p.m.\*\*

**Wednesday, March 3:** Jazz at the Corcoran with Vaughn Nark Quartet. Corcoran Gallery of Art. 12:30-1:30 p.m.\*\*

**Wednesday, March 3:** "The National World War II Memorial: An Evening with Leo A. Daly," the head of the design team for the \$100 million project. Corcoran Gallery of Art. \$20; members \$15. 7:00 p.m.\*\*

**Thursday, March 4:** Michael Collier, Poet Laureate of Maryland, will read from his work. Marvin Center, Room 301, 800 21st Street, N.W. Info: 994-6180. 5:00 p.m.

**Thursday, March 4:** "Que Calor! Latin Jazz Explored," first of series of three lectures featuring Dr. Billy Taylor, percussionist Ray Barretto, and pianist Hilton Ruiz. Kennedy Center. \$36; subscribers/members \$32 for series. Also **March 11 and 18.** 6:00-7:30 p.m.#

**Thursday, March 11:** "Healthy Dining on K Street," a brown bag lunch lecture. 12:00 noon-1:00 p.m. ##

**Wednesday, March 17:** Jazz at the Corcoran, with Ken Hall on solo guitar. Corcoran Gallery of Art. 12:30-1:30 p.m.\*\*

**Wednesday, March 17:** Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2-A meeting. Tentative location: State Plaza Hotel, 2116 F Street, N.W. Info: 736-1775. 7:00 p.m.

**Thursday, March 18:** "Photos to Send," a documentary film by Deirdre Lynch, featuring photos by and interviews with Dorothea Lange, "legendary photographer" of American migrant workers in the Depression and Irish farm families in the 1950s. Reception sponsored by Guinness Beer follows. Corcoran Gallery of Art. \$12; members \$10. 7:00 p.m.\*\*

**Saturday, March 20:** "Broadway: The New Generation," which presents composers and lyricists sharing their experiences. Featured will be Marc Hollmann and Greg Kotis of the show Urinetown (produced by FB resident Bill Becker and his associates). Kennedy Center. \$27. 7:30 p.m. #

**Tuesday, March 23:** Richard McCann, award-winning fiction writer/poet and author of "Ghost Letters," will read from his work. Marvin Center, Room 404, 800 21st Street, N.W. Info: 994-6180. 5:00 p.m.

**Thursday, March 25:** "Exercise While You Work," a brown bag lunch lecture. 12:00 noon-1:00 p.m. ##

\*See article elsewhere in this issue.

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